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HANG ONTO YOUR  
HAT! IT'S...

**THE END OF  
HYDRA!**

THIS IS  
THE  
BIG  
ONE!





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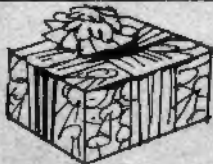
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**NICK FURY, AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.!**  
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE LAW-ENFORCEMENT DIVISION!

# "The END of HYDRA!"

WE HATE TO SAY IT, BUT NICK FURY IS STILL A PRISONER OF HYDRA!

NOW, IN A DARING ESCAPE ATTEMPT, AIDED BY THE DAUGHTER OF HIS EVIL ARCH-ENEMY, FURY FINDS HIMSELF TRAPPED BY A POWERFUL MECHANIZED HUNTER DEVICE ... AS HYDRA'S DEADLY BETATRON BOMB CONTINUES TO ORBIT EARTH, MENACING THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE!

IT'S EMITTING COMA GAS! ONCE WE INHALE IT, WE'LL BE FINISHED!

THANKS FOR THE WARNIN', LADY! NOW, ALL WE GOTTA DO IS STOP BREATHIN' FOR THE NEXT COUPLA HOURS!

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STORY BY: **STAN LEE!**  
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BALLOONS BY: **SAM ROSEN!**





THERE MUST BE *SOME* WAY TO STOP IT! THERE *MUST* BE!

MEBBE THERE IS, KID... BUT THAT AIN'T IT!

**THANG!**

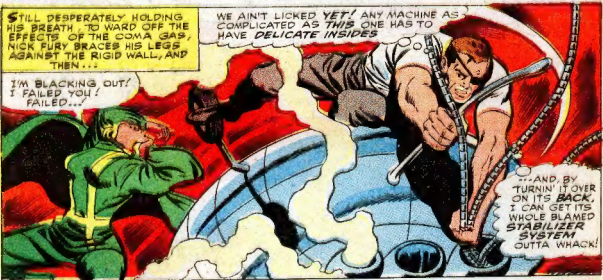
HEY! LOOK OUT! ANOTHER BLASTED COMPARTMENT OPENED UP! SOME KINDA GUN IS GETTIN' A BEAD ON YA!



IT'S THE **ULTRA-SONIC STUNNER!** IT USES SOUND VIBRATIONS TO... TO...  
— UHHHH! —

**BEEEEEEEEEEEEEE**

NO MATTER HOW THICK-HEADED I AM, I'M A **MAN!** A MAN OUGHTTA BE ABLE TO OUT-THINK A CRUMMY MACHINE! WAIT! I GOT IT!

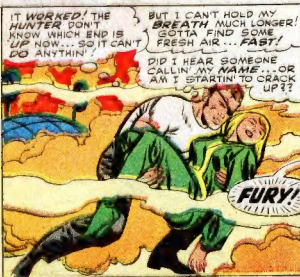


**STILL DESPERATELY HOLDING HIS BREATH**—TO VARD OFF THE EFFECTS OF THE COMA GAS, NICK FURY BRACES HIS LEGS AGAINST THE RIGID WALL, AND THEN...

WE AIN'T LICKED YET! ANY MACHINE AS COMPLICATED AS THIS ONE HAS TO HAVE **DELICATE INSIDES**

I'M BLACKING OUT! I FAILED YOU! FAILED...

...AND, BY TURNIN' IT OVER ON ITS **BACK**, I CAN GET ITS WHOLE **BLAMED STABILIZER SYSTEM** OUTTA WHACK!



IT WORKED! THE HUNTER DON'T KNOW WHICH END IS UP NOW... SO IT CAN'T DO ANYTHIN'!

BUT I CAN'T HOLD MY BREATH MUCH LONGER! GOTTA FIND SOME FRESH AIR... **FAST!**

DID I HEAR SOMEONE CALLIN' MY NAME... OR AM I STARTIN' TO CRACK UP??

**FURY!**



NO, NICK FURY **ISN'T** CRACKING UP! FOR, IN ANOTHER OF THE VAST COMPLEX OF HYDRA TUNNELS, WE SEE...

**FURY!** WHERE IN BLAZES ARE YA??

IF HE DOESN'T ANSWER, DUM DUM, MEBBE WE'RE... TOO LATE!

NO! HE GOTTA ANSWER! HE GOTTA BE ALIVE! **FURY! FURY!**



BUT, BEFORE THE PICKED SQUAD OF SHIELD AGENTS, LED BY DUM DUM DUGAN AND GABE JONES CAN SEARCH ANY FURTHER, A DEADLY ASSAULT FORCE OF HYDRA "TIGERS" ATTACKS FROM ALL SIDES...

WAAH-HOO! THIS IS WHAT WE BEEN WAITIN' FOR! FLYIN' WEDGE FORMATION! ON THE DOUBLE!

C'MON, YOU HEROOES! SHOW 'EM HOW WE DID IT IN THE COMMANDOS! GO! GO! GOOOO!

BRANKA! BRANKA!

KRAK-KRAK!

WOK!

THIS IS THE PAYOFF, PARTNER! IT'S ALL OR NOTHING! NOW!

THEIR CAUSE IS HOPELESS, ANYWAY... SO LONG AS OUR BETATRON BOMB ORBITS OVERHEAD!

STOP THEM! THEY MUST NOT BREAK THROUGH!

NOTHING ON EARTH CAN DEFEND MANKIND FROM OUR SUPREME CHALLENGE!

YET, EVEN AS THE DESPERATE BATTLE RAGES, STRANGE, FRANTIC MANEUVERING TAKES PLACE BEHIND GABE JONES, CONCEALED BY HIS BLISTERINGLY ACCURATE BARKING BURP GUN...

FASTER! FASTER! THEY'LL SWARM ALL OVER US IN ANOTHER FEW SECONDS!

WE'LL MAKE IT, GABE! WE'RE ALMOST DONE!

THUNK! THUNK! THUNK!

KEEP FIRIN' BOY! THAT'S THE WAY!

OKAY, GABE... IT'S UP TO YOU NOW! GET THE ELECTRO-JAB IN PLACE!

EVERYTHING'S SET! TAKE YOUR POSITIONS! WE'RE GONNA TEAR INTO 'EM!

SWING AROUND, GABE! FAST! HERE COMES THEIR MAIN ASSAULT!

OKAY! AN REMEMBER... WE STOP FOR NOTHING!

CLICK!

C'MON, DUM DUM... TAKE YOUR PLACE! THIS IS A TEAM OPERATION! LET'S GO!



IT'S WORKIN'!  
THEY'RE FALLIN'  
BACK!

MAN! WHAT NOTRE DAME  
COULDA DONE WITH THIS  
FORMATION!



AND, EVEN AS THE INCREDIBLE BATTLE RAGES, THE  
EYES OF HYDRA FOLLOW EVERY MANUEVER, EVERY  
MOVE, WITH BLISTERING INTENSITY!

HAIL HYDRA!  
WHAT ARE YOUR  
ORDERS? OUR  
TIGER SQUAD IS  
IN RETREAT!

I CAN SEE THAT, YOU  
FOOL! SHIELD IS TRYING  
TO REACH FURY... AND MY  
DAUGHTER... BEFORE  
WE CAN!



SKATE BOARD  
UNIT "A"! MUSTER  
YOUR FORCES! ENGAGE  
SHIELD INVADERS ON  
PERIMETER OF EAST  
TUNNEL! FOLLOW  
BATTLE PLAN  
"APACHE"!

SKATE BOARD UNIT  
"B"! MUSTER YOUR  
FORCES! RECAPTURE  
FURY AND GIRL BEFORE  
SHIELD CAN REACH  
THEM! CONDITION  
RED! ALL OTHER  
ORDERS ARE  
SUPERCEDED!

HAIL  
HYDRA!



EXACTLY FIFTEEN SECONDS LATER, SKATE BOARD  
UNITS "A" AND "B" OF THE TIGER ASSAULT  
FORCES GO INTO ACTION...

I'VE BEEN WAITING  
FOR A CHANCE TO  
COME TO GRIPS  
WITH SHIELD!

IT'S TIME WE PROVED  
ONCE AND FOR ALL, THAT  
THEY'RE NO MATCH FOR THE  
HORDES OF HYDRA!



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### MORE NUTTY NEWS AND NOTES FROM ONE MARVEL MADMAN TO ANOTHER!

**"WE GOOFED AGAIN! DEPARTMENT"** — Remember how we tried to change our name to Marvel Pop-Art Productions? Well, although some of you went along with us, we never realized how many thousands were intensely loyal to the name Marvel Comics! Your mail, phone calls, and telegrams bowled us over! So, once again we fell on our red faces—and, from now on, we're the Marvel Comics Group once more—SO BE IT!

**SCOOPI!** It's artist-switching time again! Dashing DON HECK takes over the penciling chores on Agent of Shield for this ish, after which JACK KIRBY, the king himself, will carry on in following issues! Meanwhile, artistic ADAM AUSTIN tries his hand at IRON MAN this month, leaving DON more time to concentrate on some of the greatest AVENGERS epics of all! And wait! You see which strip our newest MYSTERY ARTIST will soon be doing! (Who's He? You'll find out!) Hoo-Boyl!

**THE SEASON'S BIGGEST SURPRISE!** Here's the best-kept secret of the year! We have a brand new 25¢ giant-sized quarterly sensation on sale this month! It's called MARVEL COLLECTOR'S ITEM CLASSICS, and it'll be like having a fabulous Annual four times a year! Our first ish, on sale now, features the full-length thrillers you have most requested from the earliest days of the FANTASTIC FOUR, SPIDEY, ANT MAN, and TALES OF ASGARD! This is your chance to build up a priceless library of Marvel masterworks! 'Nuff said!

**"DIDJA KNOW? DEPARTMENT"** — Didja know that SOL BRODSKY, Stan's talented, ever-popular production chief, is a crackerjack penciller and inker in his own right? But, due to Marvel's backbreaking schedule, the poor guy hardly has time to write his own name these days! But, maybe later on . . . Didja-know that HENRY PYM makes a brief and surprising guest appearance in one of our mags this month? (Just to show we haven't forgotten about him.) Which one? Aw, that would be telling! Didja know that fabulous FLO STEINBERG, our Gal Friday, has been winning popularity polls in colleges all over the country? But they can't have her! We saw her first! And, didja know that our peerless publisher, marry MARTY GOODMAN, is not only one of the greatest guys in the biz (any biz!) but also one of the nation's top amateur golfers? (And, despite what you might have heard, it's not true that Stan caddies for him on his day off!)

**THE WRAP-UP!** Fellow Marvelites are always asking us which is our best selling title, so we might as well level with you right now. We can't decide! Each and every one of our super-hero mags, including SGT. FURY, hits the sales jackpot! We don't know if there's ever been a success story like this in the history of publishing before—and we're not sure exactly what it is that we're doing right—but this you can bet on—we're not gonna stop! (How can we? They won't let us take a day off!) Gotta go now—we just heard that someone forgot to face front! See ya next ish!

### THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

A Line-Up Of Some Of The Marvelous Mags On Sale Right Now

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**DAREDEVIL #11:** The exploits of the Man Without Fear are now also published monthly, and even that may not be enough for you after you've thrilled to "A Time to Unmask!" Warning—the ending will leave you breathless!

**THOR #123:** The story you never expected to see! Odin himself is attacked, while a universe trembles! And don't dare miss seeing what happens to Loki—only Marvel would dare!

**SUSPENSE #73:** If Adam Austin's new artwork on Iron Man isn't enough, Captain America wants you with him when the second Sleeper awakes! Don't let of Cap down, hear?

**ASTONISH #75:** Sub-Mariner finishes his quest, while the Hulk finally finds a trap that his limitless strength cannot break! It'll really grab you!

**SGT. FURY #25:** This one is packed with surprises! You'll meet one of Captain America's old enemies as Fury faces a danger different from any he's ever known! You'll never forget "Every Man My Enemy!"



### THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED!

Remember when we asked you to guess what was in the mysterious mailing tube last ish? Well, here's the answer! Marvel's newest mail order miracle! A LIFE-SIZE, FULL-COLOR SPIDEY PIN-UP! And, as if this isn't enough, we have dozens of OTHER life-size pin-ups in preparation right now!

You'll find the coupon for your 6-foot high pin-up elsewhere in this ish! And we didn't just put it there for show! Dig?



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COMA GAS  
AHEAD!  
MASKS ON!

IF FURY AND THE GIRL  
INHALED ENOUGH  
OF THE GAS, THERE IS  
NO NEED FOR OUR  
HASTE! THEY WILL BE  
FINISHED!

UNIT "B"! DISMOUNT  
SKATE BOARDS!  
PROCEED ON FOOT!

THERE IS NO TRACE OF  
FURY OR THE GIRL!  
BUT... WHERE COULD  
THEY HAVE GONE?  
WHAT CAN HAVE HAPPENED  
TO THEM??

CAREFUL! SO  
LONG AS FURY  
LIVES, WE ARE  
NEVER COMPLETE-  
LY SAFE!

MEANWHILE, HOVERING HIGH ABOVE THE EASTERN SEABOARD, SO  
HEAVILY ARMED THAT NO MILITARY POWER, OR COMBINATION OF  
MILITARY POWERS WOULD EVER DARE ATTACK IT, THE FLOATING  
HELI-CARRIER HEADQUARTERS OF SHIELD PREPARES TO  
RECEIVE A TOP LEVEL VISITOR IN SHIELD'S AMAZING JET-  
POWERED PORCHE 904 LAND-AIR PERSONNEL TRANSPORT  
VEHICLE...

IT SEEMS LIKE  
ONLY YESTERDAY THAT FURY  
DROVE IN THIS CAR WHEN HE  
WAS BROUGHT TO THE HELI-  
CARRIER FOR THE FIRST TIME!\*

STOP TALKING ABOUT  
HIM AS THOUGH HE'S  
DEAD, MISTER!

PREPARE FOR LANDING!  
ANTHONY STARK  
APPROACHING MAIN  
FLIGHT DECK!

SORRY, MR. STARK! DIDN'T  
MEAN TO WRITE HIM OFF  
TOO SOON!

\*IN OUR NOW-FAMOUS INTRODUCTORY ISSUE:  
STRANGE TALES # 135... HELPFUL STAN.

MR. STARK,  
DO YOU REALLY  
THINK YOUR  
BRAINO-SAUR  
CONTRAPTION CAN  
POLISH OFF HYDRA'S  
BETATRON  
BOMB?

IF I DIDN'T THINK SO, I  
WOULDN'T BE GAMBLING MY  
OWN LIFE ON MY INTENDED  
FLIGHT!

BUT I THOUGHT  
THE BOMB IS SET TO  
EXPLODE IF ANYTHING  
HITS IT... COVERING THE  
EARTH WITH DEADLY  
RADIOACTIVITY!

I'M  
AWARE  
OF THAT...

THAT'S WHY I  
CREATED  
BRAINO-SAUR,  
MISTER! I DON'T  
INTEND TO HIT THE  
BOMB! I'M GOING  
TO... BUT, JUST  
WAIT! YOU'LL  
SEE!

WELL, SIR... I GUESS IF  
ANYONE ON EARTH CAN  
DREAM UP A WAY TO  
TAKE THE TEETH OUT OF  
THAT THING, YOU'RE  
THE ONE TO DO IT!

LET'S HOPE SO... FOR  
THE SAKE OF ALL  
MANKIND!



THEN, AS THE CLOCK TOLLS  
LAUNCH, MINUS FIVE MINUTES...!

I HAVE TO SUCCEED  
ON MY FIRST TRY! THERE'LL  
BE NO SECOND CHANCE FOR  
BRAINO-SAUR... FOR ME,  
OR FOR THE HUMAN RACE,  
IF I FAIL!

ALL SYSTEMS  
ARE GO, MR.  
STARK! IT'S  
LAUNCH MINUS  
FOUR MINUTES  
FORTY-THREE  
SECONDS, AND  
COUNTING!

EXACTLY TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THREE SECONDS  
LATER, THE MIGHTY TWO-STAGE ATLAS BOOSTER  
BLASTS OFF FROM THE HELI-CARRIER'S BUILT-  
IN LAUNCH PAD...



ONLY  
STARK COULD  
HAVE DESIGNED A  
LAUNCH SETUP LIKE  
THIS ONE! BY  
DISSIPATING THE  
SHOCK RECOIL  
THROUGH A LOWER  
AIR-CHAMBER, THE  
CARRIER REMAINS  
PERFECTLY STABLE  
AND VIBRATIONLESS!

BUT, EVEN AS THE BRILLIANT WEAPONRY INVENTOR  
PILOTS HIS BRAINO-SAUR, ON ITS FATEFUL  
MISSION, NICK FURY CONTINUES HIS BATTLE  
WITHIN THE VERY NERVE-CENTER OF HYDRA  
ITSELF...

FURY AND THE 'GIRL  
CAN'T STILL BE  
ALIVE! THEY MUST  
HAVE... UNHHH...

DON'T BET ON IT, BUTTER-  
CUP! THAT VENTILATION  
DUCT WAS ALL WE  
NEEDED TILL THE COMA  
GAS COULD BLOW AWAY!



STOP HIM!  
IF HE MANAGES  
TO... UNHHH!







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THEIR MORALE SPARKED TO NEW HEIGHTS BY THE DRAMATIC APPEARANCE OF NICK FURY, THE HARD-BITTEN AGENTS OF SHIELD FACE THEIR STARTLED FOES WITH RENEWED VIGOR, FIGHTING AS NEVER BEFORE...



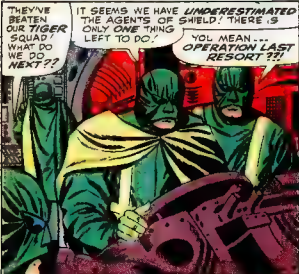
WE'VE GOT 'EM ON THE RUN! KEEP 'EM BLASTING! THIS IS OUR BIG CHANCE!

IT'S LIKE OLD TIMES, EH, NICK? NO ONE CAN STOP A HOWLER!

MOVE IT, YOU MEATHEADS! WE GOT OTHER THINGS TO DO!

KEEP THAT CHOPPER BARKIN', GABE! 'T'S THE ONLY LANGUAGE THOSE GREEN-HOODED GOONS UNDERSTAND!

I HEAR YA TALKIN, COLONE! AN IT'S MUSIC TO THESE OL' EARS!



THEY'VE BEATEN OUR TIGER SQUAD! WHAT DO WE DO NEXT??

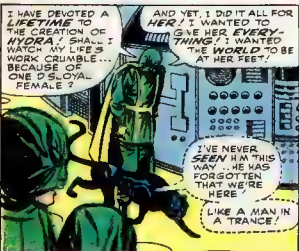
IT SEEMS WE HAVE UNDERESTIMATED THE AGENTS OF SHIELD! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO!

YOU MEAN... OPERATION LAST RESORT??!



BUT, IMPERIAL HYDRA... YOU CANNOT DO IT YOUR OWN DAUGHTER... SHE IS THERE WITH FURY! SHE...

SILENCE!!! DO YOU THINK I AM NOT AWARE OF THAT?? BUT SHE HAS BROUGHT IT UPON HER OWN HEAD! SHE HAS CHOSEN TO TAKE SIDES WITH THE ENEMY!



I HAVE DEVOTED A LIFETIME TO THE CREATION OF HYDRA! SHALL I WATCH MY LIFE'S WORK CRUMBLE... BECAUSE OF ONE DISLOYAL FEMALE?

AND YET, I DID IT ALL FOR HER! I WANTED TO GIVE HER EVERYTHING I WANTED THE WORLD TO BE AT HER FEET!

I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM THIS WAY... HE HAS FORGOTTEN THAT WE'RE HERE!

LIKE A MAN IN A TRANCE!



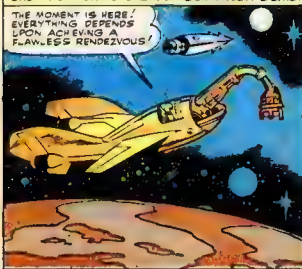
HAIL HYDRA!

I SHALL GO TO THE "DESTRUCT ROOM" THERE, IN ORDER TO SAVE MY LIFE'S WORK I MUST DESTROY THE MOST PRECIOUS THING IN THE WORLD TO ME...



AND, AS IMPERIAL HYDRA PREPARES FOR HIS MOST MOMENTOUS DECISION, **TONY STARK** GUIDES HIS FANTASTIC **BRAINO-SAUR** INTO THE SAME ORBIT AS HYDRA'S DREADED **BETATRON BOMB**.

THE MOMENT IS HERE! EVERYTHING DEPENDS UPON ACHIEVING A FLAWLESS RENDEZVOUS!

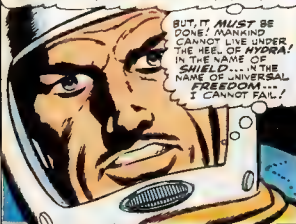


I HAD TO PILOT THIS MISSILE MYSELF! THERE WASN'T TIME TO INSTRUCT ANYONE ELSE IN ITS COMPLEX OPERATION!

NOW, EVERYTHING DEPENDS UPON THE ACCURACY OF THE RETRO-ROCKET BLASTS! THE SLIGHTEST MISCALCULATION COULD SET OFF THE BOMB!

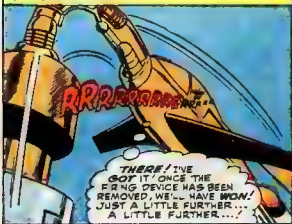


I'VE ONLY ENOUGH FUEL FOR ONE ATTEMPT! IF I OVERSHOOT THE MARK, I'LL GO HURTLING OFF INTO SPACE... FOREVER! AND, IF I MISJUDGE THE FORCE OF IMPACT, THE LIVES OF MILLIONS ON EARTH BELOW WILL BE FORFEIT!

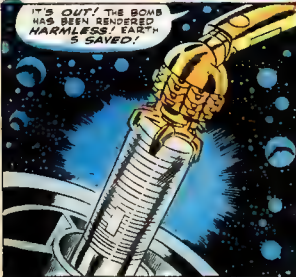


BUT, IT MUST BE DONE! MANKIND CANNOT LIVE UNDER THE HEEL OF HYDRA! IN THE NAME OF SHIELD... IN THE NAME OF UNIVERSAL FREEDOM... I CANNOT FAIL!

THEN, GUIDED BY THE SKILLED HANDS OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST WEAPONRY GENIUS, THE RETROS ARE FIRED... BRINGING STARK'S BRAINO-SAUR INTO POSITION TO USE ITS INDISCRIBABLY DELICATE PROBER MECHANISM....!

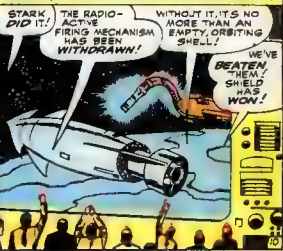


THERE! I'VE GOT IT! ONCE THE FIRING DEVICE HAS BEEN REMOVED, WE'LL HAVE WON! JUST A LITTLE FURTHER... A LITTLE FURTHER....!



IT'S OUT! THE BOMB HAS BEEN RENDERED HARMLESS! EARTH'S SAVED!

AND, FROM THE VIEWING ROOM OF SHIELD'S FLYING HQ., A DOZEN VOICES CRY OUT AS ONE....!



STARK DID IT!

THE RADIO-ACTIVE FIRING MECHANISM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN!

WITHOUT IT, IT'S NO MORE THAN AN EMPTY, ORBITING SHELL!

WE'VE BEATEN THEM! SHIELD HAS WON!

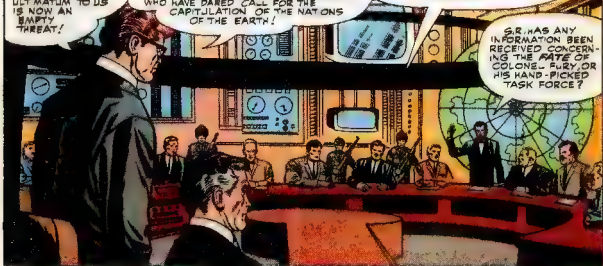


GENTLEMEN! THE MENACE TO MANKIND HAS BEEN ENDED! HYDRA'S ULTIMATUM TO US IS NOW AN EMPTY THREAT!

THEREFORE, AS ACTING CHAIRMAN... IN THE ABSENCE OF COLONEL NICK FURY, I ORDER THE IMMEDIATE ARREST OF ALL HYDRA EMISSARIES AND AGENTS WHO HAVE DARED CALL FOR THE CAPITULATION OF THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH!

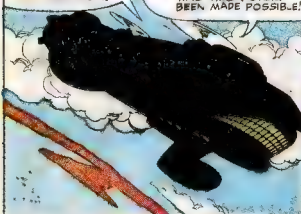
A WORLD-WIDE ROUNDUP OF ALL THE KNOWN HYDRA AGENTS IS UNDER WAY AT THIS VERY MOMENT!

S.R. HAS ANY INFORMATION BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING THE FATE OF COLONEL FURY OR HIS HAND-PICKED TASK FORCE?



REPLY NEGATIVE! BUT, MARK YOU WELL, GENTLEMEN... IF FURY AND HIS MEN STILL LIVE, SHIELD WILL FIND THEM!

THIS MOMENT OF TRIUMPH IS RIGHTFULLY THEIRS... FOR ONLY THROUGH THEIR UNSWERVING LOYALTY AND SELF-SACRIFICE HAS THIS VICTORY BEEN MADE POSSIBLE!

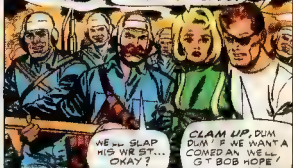


AND EVEN AS THOSE DRAMATIC WORDS ARE FLASHED AROUND THE GLOBE...

THE TIGER SQUAD IS BEATEN, COLONEL! WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?

STARK SHOULD'VE DONE HIS JOB BY NOW... THAT MEANS ONLY ONE MISSION REMAINS... WE'VE GOTTA REACH THE

NERVE CENTER OF HYDRA! COLONEL F... IF YOU FIND MY FATHER... WHAT WILL YOU DO?



WE'LL SLAP HIS WRIST... OKAY?

CLAM UP, DUM DUM! IF WE WANT A COMEDIAN, WE'LL GET BOB HOPE!

HOW ABOUT THAT? WE'VE RUN RIGHT UP AGAINST A BLANK WALL!

WHAT'RE YOU? THE TOWN CRIER? SOME OF YOU HEROES GIT YER DETONATE GUNS OVER HERE... ON THE DOUBLE!

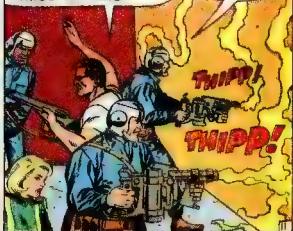
WHA... WHAT ARE YOU GONG TO DO?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT T.I., MAN. T.I. BE A REAL FUN THING!



THE REST O' YOU GUYS... GIT BACK! GOWAN... MOVE IT! NA AN'T GONNA MISS ANYTHING!

ALL READY NOW, COLONEL FURY!





THEN AT FURY'S COMMAND, A MATCH IS APPLIED TO THE DETONATION PASTE, AND...



AWRIGHT! WE MADE IT! THIS IS THE PAYOFF! DON'T JUST STAND THERE! GIT THE LEAD OUT! LET'S HEAR IT, YOU GUYS!



BUT, AS FURY AND HIS MEN POUR INTO HYDRA HEADQUARTERS, A LONE FIGURE SLOWLY MOUNTS THE SECRET STARWAY LEADING TO THE OFFICES OF IMPERIAL INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL...



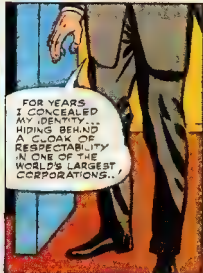
IT'S OVER EVERYTHING I WORKED FOR... FOUGHT FOR. IT'S OVER!

NEVER AGAIN SHALL I DON THE ROBES OF IMPERIAL HYDRA!

FOR, WHEN I PRESS THE DESTRUCT BUTTON HYDRA SHALL EXIST NO LONGER!



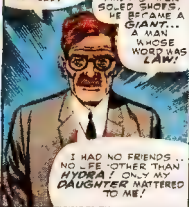
FOR YEARS I CONCEALED MY IDENTITY... HIDING BEHIND A CLOAK OF RESPECTABILITY IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST CORPORATIONS...



AT EVERY BOARD MEETING I ATTENDED, NONE EVER GUESSED THAT THE SUPREME LEADER OF THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL SECRET ARMY WAS IN THEIR midst!



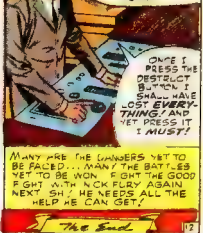
TO THEM, I WAS A LITTLE NOBODY, AS FARRINGTON'S SECRETARY MY PRESENCE WAS NEVER EVEN NOTICED.



BUT WHEN HUMBLE ARNOLD BROWN DONNED HIS PADDED HOOD, AND HIS THICK-SOLED SHOES, HE BECAME A GIANT... A MAN WHOSE WORD WAS LAW!

I HAD NO FRIENDS... NO LIFE OTHER THAN HYDRA! ONLY MY DAUGHTER MATTERED TO ME!

AND NOW, IN ORDER TO DESTROY FURY, I MUST DOOM HER, ALSO



ONCE I PRESS THE DESTRUCT BUTTON, I SHALL HAVE LOST EVERYTHING! AND YET PRESS IT I MUST!

MANY PRE THE GUNNERS YET TO BE FACED... MANY THE BATTLES YET TO BE WON. FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT WITH NICK FURY AGAIN NEXT SH. HE NEEDS ALL THE HELP HE CAN GET!

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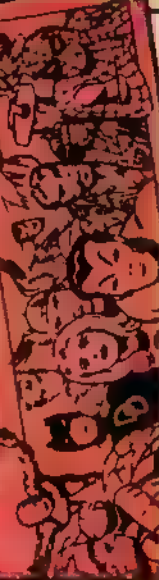


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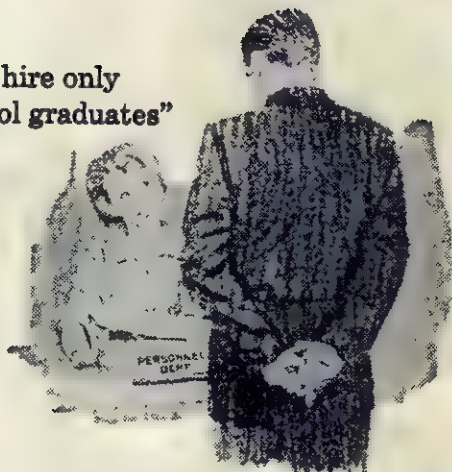
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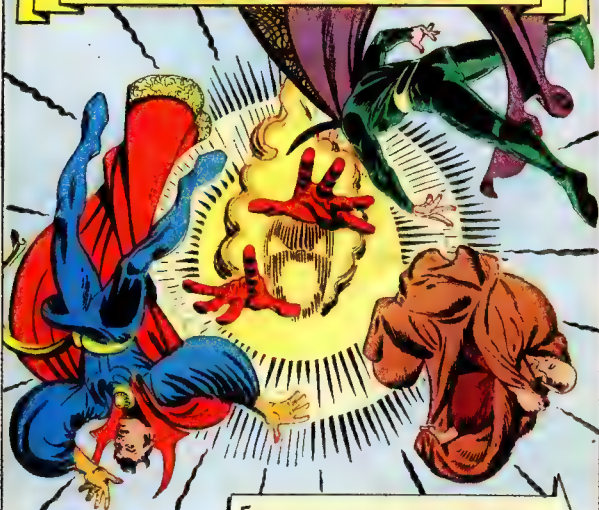
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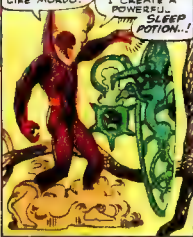
EVEN THOUGH VILLAINOUS **BARON MORDO** RECEIVED UNLIMITED HELP FROM THE DREAD **DORMAMMU**, HE WAS BATTLED TO A STANDSTILL BY **DR. STRANGE**! FINALLY, UNWILLING TO WITNESS THE DEFEAT OF HIS OWN CATSPAW, **DORMAMMU HIMSELF** STEPS IN, WITH CATACLYSMIC IMPACT....!



I HAVE SEEN ENOUGH! THUS, BY A WAVE OF MY HAND I SEND STRANGE, MORDO, AND THE NOW-HELPLESS ANCIENT ONE TO A DISTANT NEUTRAL DIMENSION!



NO LONGER SHALL I TRUST THE BATTLE TO A WITLESS INCOMPETENT LIKE MORDO!



FROM NOW ON STRANGE SHALL DEAL WITH ME! FIRST, I CREATE A POWERFUL SLEEP POTION...!

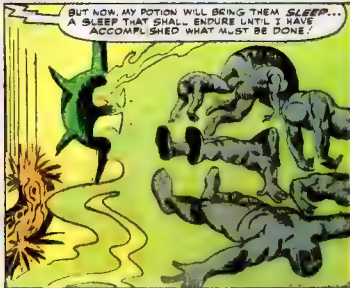
THEN HARNESSING BUT A FRACTION OF MY DEVASTATING OCCULT POWERS I DESPATCH THE POTION WITH BLINDING SPEED...



...TO WHERE THE BRUTAL MINBLESS ONES DWELL... THE SAVAGE BEINGS WHO LIVE FOR THE MOMENT WHEN THEY WILL CRASH THROUGH MY PROTECTIVE BARRIER!



BUT NOW, MY POTION WILL BRING THEM SLEEP... A SLEEP THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTIL I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WHAT MUST BE DONE!



NOW THERE IS NO NEED TO MAINTAIN THE PROTECTIVE BARRIER! SO I ALLOW IT TO FADE INTO NOTHINGNESS... THUS CONSERVING MY OWN POWER!



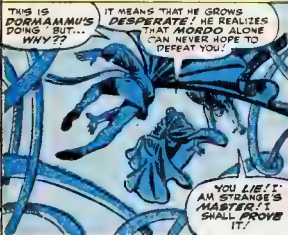
NEXT, I SHALL SEND MENTAL MESSAGES TO THE RULERS OF MY NEIGHBORING DIMENSIONS!



EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM HAVE REASON TO KNOW MY POWER... AND TO FEAR IT! THEY WILL NOT DARE IGNORE MY SUMMONS!



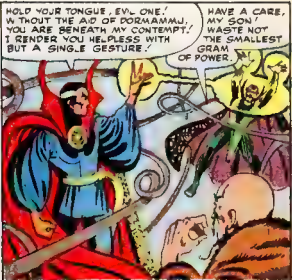
MEANWHILE, PROPELLED BY DORMAMMU'S IRRESISTIBLE SPELL, DR. STRANGE, MORDO, AND THE ANCIENT ONE SIMULTANEOUSLY REACH A LONELY, LIFELESS DIMENSION AT THE EDGE OF INFINITY.



THIS IS DORMAMMU'S DOING... BUT... WHY??

IT MEANS THAT HE GROWS DESPERATE! HE REALIZES THAT MORDO ALONE CAN NEVER HOPE TO DEFEAT YOU!

YOU LIE! I AM STRANGE'S MASTER! I SHALL PROVE IT!



HOLD YOUR TONGUE, EVIL ONE! WITHOUT THE AID OF DORMAMMU, YOU ARE BENEATH MY CONTEMPT! I RENDER YOU HELPLESS WITH BUT A SINGLE GESTURE!

HAVE A CARE, MY SON! WASTE NOT THE SMALLEST GRAM OF POWER.



YOU ARE RIGHT, VENERABLE ONE! FOR SURELY DORMAMMU HIMSELF PREPARES TO ENTER THE DEADLY GAME!

AH, SO! BUT THE METHOD HE SHALL EMPLOY IS STILL A DARK MYSTERY! NONE CAN FATHOM THE WORKINGS OF SUCH A MIND!



LOOK! ALL ABOUT US... OTHERS BEGIN TO APPEAR... ENTERING FROM THE SHADOWY, SPECTRAL DOORWAYS WHICH LIE BETWEEN THE DIMENSIONS OF THE UNIVERSE!

ONLY A COMMAND FROM DORMAMMU COULD HAVE BROUGHT THEM!



WE ARE LORDS OF THE NETHERWORLDS... OVERSEERS OF THE DIMENSIONS... WHO BE YOU??

THE AGED EARTHLING IS NO STRANGER TO ME! HE IS THE ANCIENT ONE... MORTAL PRACTITIONER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS!

I KNOW YOU ALL! ALIEN DESPOTS WHOSE NAMES ARE SPOKEN IN WHISPERS!

MY SERVICE AND MY LIFE, ARE PLEDGED TO THE ANCIENT ONE WHOM I AM PROUD TO CALL MASTER!

MORDO! I SERVE DORMAMMU... SO BEHOLD ME AND TREMBLE!

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HOW  
SPEAK  
YOU ALL?

IT MUST BE AS  
DORMAMMU ORDAINS!  
TOO LONG HAS EARTH  
RESISTED OUR  
POWER!

LET THERE BE  
AN END TO  
THE MASTERY  
OF THE  
ANCIENT  
ONE AND HIS  
DISCIPLE!

LET THE COMBAT  
BEGIN!  
DORMAMMU  
BATTLES  
FOR US ALL!



IF DORMAMMU  
IS TRIUMPHANT,  
HE SHALL  
ENSLAVE  
EACH ONE  
OF US!

TILL NOW  
ONLY THE  
ANCIENT  
ONE HAS  
SAVED US FROM  
HIS TYRANNY!

NO MATTER WHAT THE  
ODDS... REGARDLESS  
OF THE COST... I  
MUST ACCEPT, IF  
HE IS NOT VANQUISHED  
NOW, THERE MAY  
NEVER BE ANOTHER  
OPPORTUNITY!

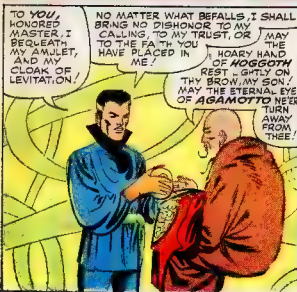
I ACCEPT  
THE  
CHALLENGE!



THEN HEED MY TERMS...  
AND PREPARE TO ABIDE  
BY THEM, DOOMED  
ONE!

OUR ONLY WEAPONS SHALL BE OUR MYSTIC MINDS... AND THESE  
ENCHANTED PINCERS OF POWER! NEITHER YOU NOR I SHALL USE  
ANY OTHER SPELLS OR INCANTATIONS, IS IT AGREED, ACCURSED  
HUMAN?

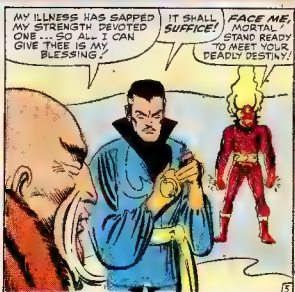
HAND ME MY PINCERS!  
I DO HEREBY AGREE!



TO YOU,  
HONORED  
MASTER, I  
BEQUEATH  
MY AMULET,  
AND MY  
CLOAK OF  
LEVITATION!

NO MATTER WHAT BEFALLS, I SHALL  
BRING NO DISHONOR TO MY  
CALLING, TO MY TRUST, OR  
TO THE FAITH YOU  
HAVE PLACED IN  
ME!

MAY THE  
HOARY HAND  
OF HOGGOTH  
REST LIGHTLY ON  
THY BROW, MY SON!  
MAY THE ETERNAL EYE  
OF AGAMOTTO NEVER  
TURN  
AWAY FROM  
THEE!



MY ILLNESS HAS SAPPED  
MY STRENGTH DEVOTED  
ONE... SO ALL I CAN  
GIVE THEE IS MY  
BLESSING.

IT SHALL  
SUFFICE!

FACE ME,  
MORTAL!  
STAND READY  
TO MEET YOUR  
DEADLY DESTINY!



ACCORDING TO HIS OWN TERMS, IT IS NOT POWER, BUT **SKILL** THAT WILL DECIDE THE OUTCOME. FOR WE SHALL BE EVENLY MATCHED! THEN LET THE **BATTLE BEGIN!**



AND IN THE DARK DIMENSION WHEREIN DORMAMMU REIGNS, A CAPTIVE FEMALE OBSERVES THE IMPENDING CLASH WITH FEARFUL APPREHENS ON...

DORMAMMU HAS FORCED ME TO WATCH THE HUMAN'S DOWNFALL! I CANNOT TURN AWAY!

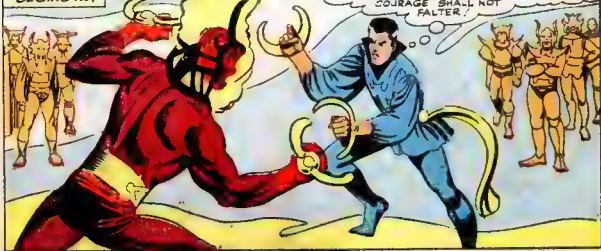


WHILE HE WHO HAD BEEN DORMAMMU'S LACKEY TREMBLES IN A PAROXYSM OF SHEER **HATRED!**

BECAUSE OF **STRANGE**, MAY I HAVE FALLEN FROM FAVOR! DEFEAT BE SLOW...AND EVERLASTING!



AND THEN, AT LAST, THE AWESOME CONFRONTATION **BEGINS...!**



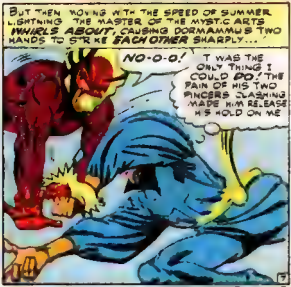
DORMAMMU HAS HAD FAR MORE PRACTICE WITH THESE MYSTIC PINCERS... BUT MY ARM IS STRONG... MY EYE STEADY... AND MY COURAGE SHALL NOT FALTER!

FOR I DO NOT BATTLE FOR MYSELF ALONE! ALTHOUGH NOT ANOTHER HUMAN, SAVE THE ANCIENT ONE SUSPECTS, I FIGHT FOR THE FATE OF EARTH ITSELF!



HIS PINCER... IT LOCKED UPON MINE! MY HAND WILL SOON BE PARALYZED IF I DO NOT QUICKLY BREAK FREE!





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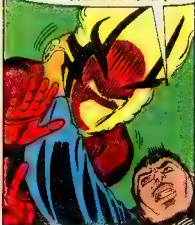
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AND THEN, BEFORE DORMAMMU CAN FORMULATE A NEW PLAN OF ATTACK ...

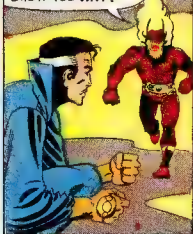
WHY DO I NO LONGER HEAR YOU GLOATING, DREADED ONE ?



IS IT BECAUSE ONE CANNOT CROW WHILE BEING TOSSED ABOUT LIKE THE HUMBLEST, MOST UNSKILLED OF CREATURES??



FOR UNTOLD AGES, NONE HAVE EVER DARED TAUNT DORMAMMU! AND NOW I SHALL SHOW YOU WHY!



I HAVE HAD CENTURIES IN WHICH TO STUDY THE ART OF COMBAT! NO ONE THAT LIVES CAN BE MY EQUAL!

SPEAK TO ME NOT OF EQUALS, DORMAMMU...



I HAVE PLEDGED MY VERY LIFE TO PROVE I AM YOUR SUPERIOR!

NEVER! NO MERE MORTAL CAN OVERCOME DORMAMMU!



YIELD HUMAN! YIELD, I COMMAND YOU!

NOT WHILE LIFE FLICKERS WITHIN ME!



AND, IN ANOTHER D'MENS ON, SO FAR AWAY THAT THERE ARE NO WORDS IN OUR LANGUAGE TO EXPRESS THE DISTANCE ...

I CANNOT BEAR TO WATCH! AND YET, I AM POWERLESS TO TURN AWAY! WILL THIS AWESOME NIGHTMARE NEVER END??



THE HUMAN HAS THE COURAGE OF AN ENCHANTED ONE! BUT HIS CAUSE IS HOPELESS!

ONLY TO THOSE WITHOUT FAITH CAN THERE BE NO HOPE! THE FAITH OF THE RIGHTEOUS WILL NEVER WAVER!

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Dear Stan,

In the name of the great Siberian tobacco fields, what have you toads done? As if introducing Nick Fury into STRANGE TALES as a top spy guy wasn't enough to pop out your eyeballs, you magicians had to work up an even better second yarn and spoil all the fun! Yup, sure nuff, in STRANGE TALES #136, the action came up so fast it didn't give me enough time to stick my orbs back in my head! Nick Fury is so far out he's in! I finally got my T-shirt and can't wait to hit school with it. All the new stuff is real wild. Another thing, hurry! That is, with all your nifty gizmos, so I can gobble 'em up! The first two were tops. Well, don't just stand there, you toads: start hopping! Gotta flip out now, so as they say on the tropical potato bug farms of Australia—'nuff said!

David Faggioli, 772 E. 3780 So.  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Davey boy, we don't know what in blazes you're talkin' about, but your enthusiasm is truly heart-warming! Thanks a lot—we think!

Dear Stan,

S.I.L.L.E.D. in STRANGE TALES is miserable. The first part of the story in issue #135 is stupid. They should tell Fury what's up. Hydra is an idiotic organization. Their costumes are ridiculous. That bomb booby trap was all wrong. Shield can't be that sloppy. The HQ's position in the air is conspicuously absurd. Nick isn't the type to head Shield. Better he should be an agent. Play down the super-science angle. It would be better a trifle past the norm, not so far from possibility. The strip's got a lot of potential if it will just be toned down. Since you're so money-hungry, why not distribute more Marvels? This isn't a problem just in my locale, but all over the nation. Your mags are sold out a few days after they hit the stands. So more mags mean more sales which you are now bypassing. Greedy as you are, fear not—I still love ya!

Micky Schwabrow, 5373 Gold Drive  
Santa Rosa, Calif. 95405

Well, you've got a funny way of showing it, Mick! Anyway, out of a zillion letters of comment about Shield, yours is one of the very few which wasn't a passionate pen of praise! We can't decide whether that entitles you to a no-prize, or a visit from Hydra!

Dear Stan,

I've just finished the first two installments of Nick Fury, Agent of Shield and that guy makes James Bond look like a creampuff! Hydra is probably one of the most brilliant creations of Stan, and King Kirby's art on the first installment was, as expected, overwhelming, but your introduction of John Severin as the artist of installment two was a real shock. His style is great, being reminiscent of Bill Everett's fantastic work on DAREDEVIL #1. Hang onto Johnny-boy, say it!

Mike Arden, 5645 N. Muscatel  
San Gabriel, Cal.

Didja ever see a grown man cry, Mike? We wish we coulda held on to Jumpin' Johnny, but alas, our little will-o'-the-wisp just drifted away from us! By the way, his sister, Marie Severin, is a long-time Marvel staffer, working in our pixilated production and coloring department, but we're not letting her go! We may use her as bait, to trap Johnny again some time later on!

Dear Stan,

Hail from the hallowed halls of Hydra—Hydra, the greatest organization ever formed, has Spectre, Smersh, Thrush and all the others battered, bested and broken. My only complaint is the female agent of imperial Hydra. You have gone too far this time. You must think that a female must be part of every organization. However, Hydra has found it within its heart to humbly pardon you this time, so we will not attack 825 Madison Avenue, but next time—beware! Our wrath is great. Even the great M.M.S.S. cannot defeat us! So, until you guys make

another mistake, remember—Hail Hydra! And remember, when you give the oath—shield!

Leon Fisher, 38 Manheim St.  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19144

Snide? We'll laugh out loud! And, by the way, Leon ol' buddy, what's wrong with a female being part of every organization? Sounds kinda like Utopia to us!

Dear Stan,

Shield, bahl! Why didn't you just name it James Bond and skip the masquerade? Putting a one-syllable-sounding goon like Fury in charge of this secret agency is a catastrophe. And Hydra—what kind of name is that? Did Stan think it up while he was sneezing? And that Hell-Carrier must have been one of Stan's prettiest nightmares. Some advice to the wayward: Let Fury go back to ventilating goose-steppers and leave the Hydras(ech) of the world to James Bond.

Charles Graves, 8210 Akron St.  
Washington, D. C.

You sure know how to hurt a guy, Charley! But, unfortunately for us, judging by our sky-rocketing sales figures, yours is but a lonely, solitary voice, crying in the wilderness (where you meet the Brand X agents for your pay-off, no doubt!).

Dear Stan,

STRANGE TALES #137 was another great one. The Fury story was excellent, but where did Dum-Dum and Gabe come from all of a sudden? Are they agents of Shield now, too? Anyway, the story was great. Those sequences in the headquarters of Hydra are always great, and very original. Now for the Doc Strange episode. That was really spectacular. So he's finally going to find eternity, eh? Good show! That battle of the minds was really something. Boy oh boy, just as sure as Doc Strange is the master of the mystic arts, so is Steve Ditko the master of weird pop art. I found some real masterpieces of art in that story. Oh, by the way, if you bump into Dum-Dum, give my regards to Shield, okay?

Bruce Hallenbeck  
Vahatie, N.Y.

Sure, Bruce—always glad to oblige one of our Marvelites! As for where Gabe and Dum-Dum come from, haven't you ever heard of the birds and the bees? Aww, we're only 'tamin' 'em—of course they're Agents of Shield—and, if we can keep all our sub-plots straight, we'll try to introduce still other unexpected agents as time goes by!

Dear Stan,

Our favorite yarn is Nick Fury, Agent of Shield. My brother and I not only read and rave about your mags—but we live them. We have a little set-up here. We are acting as if we were agents of Shield. We have passes and M.M.S.S. pins to get by the electric eyes. They're set to open on our passes. We also have wrist radios to talk to each other when trapped. Also we have several types of guns. All we spend our money on is movies, Marvel comics, SF books, Marvel comics, fishing equipment, and Marvel comics. The boss of Shield here at home is Bruce, our guinea pig. Keep up the very great work.

Alan and Steven Mann, 249 B South Nevada Dr.  
Grand Forks A.F.B., N. D.

We'll try, guys! And don't worry about a thing—now that Stan is thru reading your letter, he'll have one of the guys in the bullpen eat it, so it doesn't fall into the hands of any Hydra agents!

NEXT ISH: All kinds of new plot twists and surprises await you in Fury's latest frolic, as we bid farewell to Hydra and begin a new startling problem for our adorable Agents! As for Doc Strange, he's still up to his anoles in mystic mayhem! We've been burning the midnight oil to make STRANGE TALES #141 the most sensational ish yet, so buy it, hear? You don't want us to think you're ungrateful?

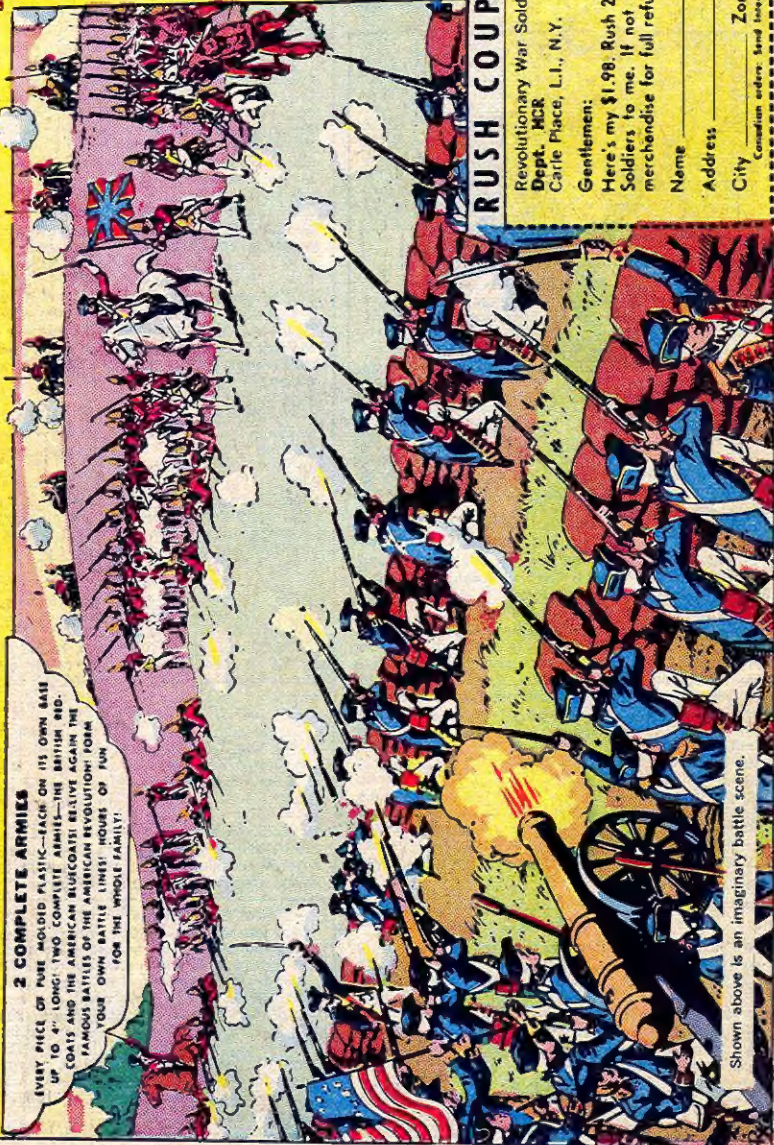


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into your fists and give you a rugged handsome build brim-full of the magnetic SUPER-BODY APPEAL. And with NO starvation diets—NO fatiguing calisthenics—NO expensive health-food!

## HOW DYNAPLEX BUILDS BEAUTIFUL BODIES

DYNAPLEX is the modern miracle of body-building. It takes no tiresome exercises, "crash" diets, protein foods, and no weights or bar-bells. DYNAPLEX is the amazing discovery of a West German Doctor whose research into the Science of Strength found a thrilling new way to build GIANT BRAWNY MUSCLES in ten minutes a day. With DYNAPLEX you "BEX" each muscle once—in a certain way—that is more effective than if you exercised that muscle 20, 30, even 100 times the old-fashioned way. With DYNAPLEX you get bigger results in ten minutes than after hours of grunting and groaning, hefting heavy weights.

DYNAPLEX coaxes each muscle in your body to bring out its round, steely fullness and satiny symmetry. DYNAPLEX packs each muscle with glowing vibrant new strength and energy—FAST. In ten minutes a day I can cover your bony frame with healthy rippling muscle—give you a deep, powerful chest and shoulders and iron wrists—tough, slim midsection—and trim, steel-spring legs—simply thru "DYNAPLEXING" each muscle once a day! There's nothing wrong with the bar-bell and weight-lifting method... but why bother? Why waste time and money, why sweat and strain your way to a streamlined symmetrical SAMSON-STRONG BODY—when you can do it better—bigger—faster—easier with the DYNAPLEX SECRET!

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Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the boy with the virile, magnificent build. Every man and boy secretly desires a broad brawny back, a solid man-muscled chest, handsome he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springy, power-packed legs. Be a fellow with TWO-PISTED BIG MUSCLES APPEAL... they only laugh at skinny guys or "fatso's".

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of beef and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel springs. A lean, taut rock-solid punch-proof midsection. Pack your body with energy and stamina that will help make you popular.

## GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY —THAT'S ALL!

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## PROOF!

"I tried two other systems, before my buddy told me about DYNAPLEX. It really works—and how! I've put two inches of solid muscle on my biceps, three inches on my chest. It's like magic!" L. C., New York City

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"DYNAPLEX is the best yet. Only three weeks, and I have more dates than I can handle." I am telling all my pals about DYNAPLEX." J. S., Chicago, Ill.

## ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR BODY NOW?

Pal—do YOURSELF a favor! Take a good long look in a mirror. Do you see a puny, starved body—scrawny arms—lony shoulders—a flabby stomach and skinny legs? Do they laugh and grin when you take off your shirt? BELIEVE IT OR NOT—I can add solid pounds of rippling, steely he-man MEAT to your build. I can take those skeleton arms and PACK EVERY INCH with explosive virile MAN-MUSCLE. I can take that caved-in chest and build on six rugged inches of strong sleek MAN-SPED BRAWN. I can clothe your skinny frame with GIANT RIPPING DYNAPLEX MUSCLES that will have them gasping with awe and admiration! And with NO tiring exercise, NO high-priced bar-bells or gym equipment!

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